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House Resolution No. 473

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State communities that admirably better the quality of life locally through the depth and breadth of their support for the arts; and

Whereas, the city of Saint Joseph is home to numerous arts organizations and programs, including the Saint Joseph International Guitar Festival and Competition, Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, Saint Patrick's Mexican Festival, Allied Arts Council, Saint Joseph Symphony, Instrument Petting Zoo, Midwest Artists Association, American Guild of Organists, Friday Night Concerts in Felix Street Square, Downtown Noon Concerts, Performing Arts Association, Trails West!, Friends of the Theatre, Friends of the Symphony, Juneteenth, Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival, Saint Joseph Museums, Incorporated, Creative Arts Production, Midcity Excellence Community Learning Center, Mizzoula Theatre, Performing Arts Association Family Series, Artscape, Artists in the Schools, Art for Business' Sake, Saint Joseph's Public Sculpture Self-Guided Tour of Selected Works, Saint Joseph Self-Guided Architectural Tour, and Missouri Theater, among others; and

Whereas, the city of Saint Joseph will enhance its already impressive record of achievement when it receives a Missouri Arts Award in the Creative Community category on February 13, 2008, from the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Missouri Arts Council; and

Whereas, nonprofit arts in the city of Saint Joseph are an \$8.3 million industry, with \$2.4 million spent by nonprofit organizations and \$5.9 million in event-related spending; and

Whereas, the city of Saint Joseph is home to photographer Megan Schreiber-Wyeth and former Central High School senior Andrew Johnson, who as a student composed a symphony titled "Waves" that was performed by the Saint Joseph Symphony, met by a standing ovation, and subsequently received school, region, state, and national recognition:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the city of Saint Joseph arts organizations and programs and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the city's receipt of a Missouri Arts Award in the Creative Community category; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the city of Saint Joseph.

Offered	Representative Ed Wildberger
	District No. 27
Ninety-	etton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, fy that the above is a true and correct copy of House ion No. 473, adopted February 7, 2008.
Rod Jett	ton, Speaker